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IPFW BLEEDS 2 MILLION

By Peter & Kim
Writers

The end of 2009 was a month of bad news for colleges and universities around Indiana who accept state funding. On December 4, Governor Mitch Daniels announced that 150 million dollars would be cut in state funding for higher education during the next two years.

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According to www.in.gov, the 150 million is roughly six percent of what the state had originally allocated to colleges and universities from the state general fund. Each institution will be losing approximately two percent of its total revenue because of the cuts in funding.

Walt Branson, Vice Chancellor of Financial Affairs, said that IPFW is losing about two million dollars in funding; the state is recommending that the stimulus money should be given to the state. Branson said, in the worst-case scenario we would lose all of the stimulus money and in the best-case scenario we would just lose "a significant portion of it". Luckily for IPFW none of that money was factored into the budget last year.

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According to Branson, neither staff nor faculty will see job losses or pay cuts. Students will not see hikes in tuition or losses in scholarships or grants. The only way the University will feel the impact of the funding cut will be in projects – such as elevator maintenance and other building projects - that will not be able to take place.

There were two factors that prevented the campus from feeling the impact of the funding cuts. They are the high enrollment that occurred last fall and the conservative budget, said Branson. He explained that because "the [stimulus] money is one time money from the federal government" the state did not budget it into the operating costs of the school. It was essentially icing on top of the cake and without it, no real harm is done.

Isaac Frazier is a civil engineering major at IPFW, he is grateful that the University will not be adversely affected in any major way, he said "At least we are not going to have anything cut back. That money would have been nice to help pay for extra things and do some upgrades, but since it was like it was never there, then we should not really worry too much."

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Summit on the Summit

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On January 8, 2009, Lupe Fiasco, Kenna, Jessica Biel and others started their climb of Mt.Kilimanjaro in Africa. Commercials of the 3 notable entertainers have been around for awhile now and they are finally getting to it. The project is meant to bring awareness to a global issue. Over 1 billion people do not have access to clean, safe, drinking water. "The climb is being used as a way to highlight an extreme problem by doing something just as extreme," artist Kenna says. All of the participants have gone under tough training in preparation for the climb. Rapper Lupe Fiasco has always had a goal of climbing Mt.Kilimanjaro and his fellow climbers have been joking around saying he has been, "acting like a veteran." MTV will be covering the climb and you can also keep up with their progress at Summitonthesummit.com.

Letter to the Editor

Rally for Rail

We used to have a very popular passenger rail service that traveled from Fort Wayne to Chicago and other major cities. This service left Fort Wayne almost 20 years ago when freight companies decided that passenger rail service was not economically feasible anymore. Well, times have changed. Combined with rising energy prices, the Obama Administration has opened up billions of dollars in federal stimulus money for expanded rail service all across the country. This puts the possibility of getting train service back in Fort Wayne a reality.

However, this won't happen automatically. The community has to voice its opinion and show strong support for passenger rail. It can be done by writing your state and federal officials, and writing letters to the editors of local newspapers. This is truly a community effort. So, if you want fast reliable train service in Fort Wayne, you need to get involved!

A good place to start would be at a Rally for Rail held in the Baker Street Train Station on Saturday, January 16 at 2pm. Indiana Department of Transportation officials will be there to talk about the progress Indiana has made in securing federal stimulus funds for a Chicago to Fort Wayne route.

Sincerely,
Justin Stalter

Check out our website, www.ipfwcommunicator.org, next week to see a slideshow from the Rally for Rail meeting.

Coffee Break

by Kim Coffey

Turning the 14th Century into the 21st Century

English and Linguistics Professor has his students perform a medieval play with a modern twist

By Peter Schnellenberger
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Damian Fleming is an assistant professor of English and Linguistics at IPFW. During the fall semester of 2009, he taught English L306, a survey course on Middle English Literature. The purpose of this course was to get students to comprehend the language used and allegorical messages of the texts that were written between the years 1200 and 1500 AD. This can be a lofty goal given that, according to Fleming, the texts are "really dense, they are like 500 years old and they are hard to get a handle on. But what I noticed is if you take time and read them carefully, I find them fascinating and really quite funny."

In an attempt to get his students to appreciate the humor of the dramatic literature he employed an experimental form of teaching that combined linguistic translation with theatrical flair. Instead of just having his students complete a textual analysis, listen to a lecture and write an essay or take a test, Fleming divided his class into four groups. Each group was assigned a medieval play and asked to adapt that play from Middle English into Modern English and then perform them in front of the class.

Students in literature classes are not normally asked to perform the works that they are studying, but Fleming felt that if his students knew they were going to have to perform their translation in front of class then they would take the project seriously.

Fleming was extremely pleased by the results of his experiment, almost all of his students received A's in the project.

"I was really impressed by how the students translated the 14th century take on the bible into the 21st century. Like using a lot of modern humor or modern references in their plays," said Fleming.

Fleming said that he does not know of any other teachers who use this approach to teaching medieval literature. This experiment was so successful that he is considering doing further research with this teaching technique presenting his findings at a conference.

Student Government Pays to Travel

Two IPFW students travel to Athens, Greece to learn new things

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I believe very few students are aware of the opportunity available to them to go to educational conferences and trips through our student government's travel fund. I recently went on a trip to Athens, Greece with fellow student, Amanda McCann, because of this opportunity. We were able to explore the ancient ruins of Athens, such as the Acropolis, the Roman Agora, the temple of Zeus, and Hadrian's Arch. While we were in Athens we also learned quite a bit about the culture. We attended a Modern Greek play, saw musicians performing traditional Greek music, and tasted Greek cuisine. My favorite part of the trip was our visit to the Plaka district of Athens. This was a place overflowing with life. There were open air markets, people bartering, and little café's. People were very friendly our entire stay in Athens. On the way to a Museum we got lost, so we went into a bakery and tried to get directions. The young man working there didn't speak English, but he did give us each a free pastry. We enjoyed quite a few museums such as the Archeological Museum, The National Gallery, and so many others. We saw and did so much while we were in Athens, got to know some lovely people, and experience things, that we would not have been able to, had it not been for this opportunity given to us by our Student Government.

Amanda Mayer

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Smoke Hut Diaries

By Robin Crowell
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Removed from campus, the legacy of the smoke hut somehow continues even with school not in session.

The holidays draw in a time of strife for me. Longing for them to just be over with, many of my nights over break were spent in cars, chain smoking and listening to music. They were spent in cold garages, again smoking and indulging in long winded conversations about life, love, loathing, and lost livelihood.

Though the holiday season is not one of my favorite times of the year, the break we had gave me some serious time to delve head first into some personal writing projects I had been thinking about for a long time. My loathing for the season was solidified when, on Christmas Eve no less, I was greeted with the knowledge that while I was at work my car was hit and ran, towed, impounded and damaged pretty badly. Brewing in me was another sense of loathing for the utter depravity and lack of consideration the majority of humanity tends to offer. This ignited a whole new fire in both my mind and my hands.

"I know the faces, smiles, and scowls that greet me are going to be completely different, but at the same time I look forward to a new schematic of voices."

While I was working, getting my lengthy thoughts put down on paper, I realized something vitally important not only in regards to writing but in regards to my methods for getting through life's less than admirable situations.

Though sometimes the subject matters are intense and far from light-hearted, this weekly column I regurgitate is one of the only things that helped me through last semester. It really gave me a chance to not be a wallflower and actually take in, indulge if you will, the people that surround me on a daily basis. Not being in the smoke hut these last few weeks was kind of sad, to be honest.

I know that the faces, smiles and scowls that greet me are going to be completely different, but at the same time I look forward to a new schematic of voices. With every new endeavor comes a new element entirely. So, smoke hut, please join me in taking on another over worked, under slept, over caffeinated semester.

For the Love of Traveling

By Hana Al Hawash
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No matter which one I am in, airports are like a second home to me; I feel comfortable and excited. Having been there a minimum of six times, the Schipol Airport, Amsterdam, is my favorite of all. It is a small town in itself and yet I could tell you where to go for any need from a quiet prayer to buying a cheap bottle of Jack Daniels. Here, people meet up for a drink before flights in one of the numerous bars or visit the McDonalds to get some French fries, which you have to buy ketchup for at about 70 cents a packet.

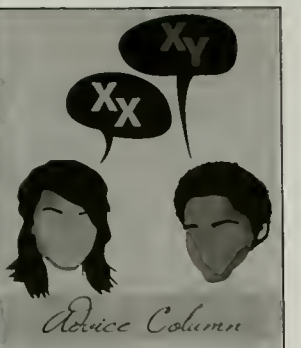
One thing I love about airports and airplanes is meeting new people. You can learn so much from the person sitting next to you, and become so close to someone in an airport or on a long flight. You feel a connection with the person you are sharing so much time arm-to-arm with and they become your support. For example, on one of my many eight to ten hour flights coming home from Palestine, I met a young American man, not too much older than myself. He had been helping out in the Palestinian refugee camp and got deported by Israel. He was helping my people; there was an automatic feeling of comfort between us. We ended up sharing food and even using each other as pillows.

Airports are full of people from every walk of life and from all around the world. Of course you should be on your guard; do not trust just anyone, but do not hesitate to share general information and stories about yourself. Doing this will pass the time so much faster and make your trip enjoyable. However, if you have ever seen the movie *Taken*, you know that you should not tell strangers where you are going or truly personal information.

Photo Courtesy of Hana Al Hawash

Travel Blog: Put your text in right here, and make sure it describes your picture well.

In the next couple of months, I will be traveling quite a bit. Though it really is not a big difference from Indiana, I will be visiting Cincinnati, Ohio, Austin, Texas is my next stop, followed by Syracuse, New York and finally Beit Sahour, Palestine. From Palestine, who knows where I will go. Jordan, Egypt...maybe even Cyprus. Stay tuned.



Advice Column

"Is it necessary for your friends to approve of your girlfriend or boyfriend?"

By Hana and Devin
Writers

Girl: If you are in a real relationship and your friends say that they do not like your mate, there may not always be true substance to the claim. If it is in the beginning, find out exactly why they do not like your mate; your friends may know things about the person that you do not and, in the end, may help you. If it is later on in your relationship that your friends do not approve, it may be a prejudice formed from something petty. Either way, you should take your friends feelings into consideration. If your mate has done something truly offensive to your friend, you should take your friends side. If it is something petty, do not worry about it. In the end, you have to make a choice. But do not be blinded by emotions, because it may lead to the loss of a friend. No matter how much your friends love you, they can only take so much.

Boy: If my friends did not like my girlfriend, I do not think I would care. They obviously have not taken the time to get to know her like I have and it is not their relationship. At the same time, sometimes what they have to say is important. They could be worried about you and how your girlfriend or boyfriend treats you. When this happens, you have to think about whether or not they dislike them for you, or for themselves. What is good for your friends may not be good for you. You could both be looking for different things in a significant other. It may just be a case of, "I would not date them, but I am not you."

Got an Opinion?

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Five things I learned from Food Network

By Kelly McLendon
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My obsession with Food Network started off innocently enough. One evening after I accidentally created a mini explosion in the microwave, my mother commented that perhaps it was time I learned how to cook the right way. Too impatient to read through various cookbooks, I turned my attention to the television—namely Food Network. Now, I am no Paula Deen. I will never be able to cook fried chicken or bake rice pudding without making a mess or having something go wrong. In many ways, I am a klutz in the kitchen, but that does not mean I do not try.

It is probably not healthy that I watch Food Network while I run on the treadmill. Yes, while I slave away working out, I watch talented chefs make sweets and pastries. While they are stirring up delicious bowls of butter cream frosting and making candy roses that look absolutely delectable, I am trying to undo a few weeks of seriously unhealthy eating and learn how to cook all at the same time. Okay, it is a little counterproductive.

"30 minute meals with Rachael Ray are not always a reality. The last time I was in the kitchen for 30 minutes, I caused a fire, even though I was following the directions."

But still, when it comes down to it, my adventures in learning to cook have taught me five lessons:

Elaborate cakes are always a bad idea. Really. When the teams of bakers are trying to get their special creation into the venue, it always seems to slide off the stand and crumble in the doorway. If they want to go for amazing, they should learn to assemble it on-site to avoid ruining the event and creating a disaster. Let's face it—most parties cannot survive without the cake.

There are people out there who actually eat chicken pot pies. I am not lying. I really want to know why they even bother featuring how to make this food. The common chicken pot pie is basically like a healthy version of dessert pie. You have the crust, you throw a bunch of vegetables and some chopped up chicken in and voila, you have healthy pie. But we really do not need to learn how to make it year after year.

30 minute meals with Rachael Ray are not always a reality. The last time I was in the kitchen for 30 minutes, I caused a fire, even though I followed the directions. Maybe I am just horrible at trying to make mac' and cheese, but how was I supposed to know a dishtowel caught on fire on the stove when I turned around to watch Ray's show? They should put a warning on when the show starts: "Viewers may become transfixed with content and will be unable to continue cooking, thereby starting a fire which makes them have to replace their favorite snowman dishtowel."

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Chefs do not get mean, even when they are competing. They all seem too nice. Iron Chef America does not really bring out the bad side in chefs. I want to see more fighting. Perhaps some meat cleaver throwing going on while Bobby Flay is getting the squid out of the fridge. That would captivate my attention.

"Semi-Homemade Cooking" seems like a joke. If you do not want to make a cake on your own, just go buy an already made one from the grocery. Do not use a store-bought cake mix, add some fresh blueberries and say it is all home cooking because clearly, it is not. This is like going to the store, buying some cookies, taking them out of the box, putting them on a plate and then serving them at a party and taking all the credit. Your close friends know you did not really make them. If you did, they would not be edible, so you might as well be honest about it up front.

Chegg.com

Rent a book, plant a tree

By Kelly McLendon

It is called Chegg.com and no, that is not some kind of egg substitute or something else equally sinister. Instead, it is a website that allows students to rent and sell textbooks. To rent, all you have to do is just type in the title of the book you are looking for and you are off to find savings and help the planet all at the same time.

The college textbook industry is booming, but the profits are also cutting down trees.

"Every school year, a student uses the equivalent of one tree worth of textbooks, so if a student uses Chegg, we will plant a new tree for every book they rent or sell to us," said Lina Couch Vice President of PR.

When you have finished paying, the site asks you where you would like your tree to be planted. Lake Atitlan Guatemala and Cameroon are a few of the spots where Chegg's partnering organization, American Forests Global ReLeaf program, is planting right now.

Chegg chose that ganization because of their eco-friendly philosophies.

We chose American Forests Global ReLeaf Program because of they are a world leader in planting trees for environmental restoration," said Couch. "Chegg works very closely with American Forests to determine which reforesting projects they have and we identify which locations we'd like."

The discounts can also add up, for a macroeconomics book that would cost $140 to purchase this semester, you can end up paying $45 to rent it instead. That means you get to keep some cash, although you will not get any money back when you return the book at the end of the semester as you would if you would have purchased it. But, it may be an easier option than spending your entire loan refund paying full price. Plus, as the site says, the process is simple. Rent your books, get them "lightning quick" and return them. You can even send back for free and reuse the box your order arrived in.

But the eco-friendly attitude does not stop there.

"To date, Chegg.com has planted more than 1,000 acres of trees," according to the website. Couch said this equals out to more than 1.5 million trees planted to date.

AmericanForests.org spearheads the Global ReLeaf program. The group sets a goal of planting 100 million trees by 2020 and just may make that goal if more college students choose recycled texts over brand new

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Artist Spotlight BILLY DAWSON

By Molly Galloway

Nineteen-year-old freshman Billy Dawson has one of those faces that one simply cannot forget. As a theater major with a concentration on acting, you will see him as Orpheus, the male lead in Cincinnati Law Brothers' enchanting 2010 IFFW production of Eurydice, which Dawson is extremely excited about.

"Jeff Cavaiola is amazing," Dawson gushed about the director. Dawson went on to say the play, told through the eyes of Eurydice rather than Orpheus, is going to have a colorful, psychedelic feel. For those who don't know the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice — which the Tony, Obie, Drama Desk and the Underworld, Seeing it performed with no actual feet to it will definitely be an interesting experience.

Before becoming involved with the IFFW theater department, Dawson did a lot of performing at and even he began in the First Wayne Youth Theater (now the Theatre of Harvest). Dawson attended South Side High School, where he had a lead in Into the Woods, South Pacific, The Crucible and Our Town. From there, he earned his first lead in the Civic Theater production Once Upon a Mattress. Dawson describes that experience as "haunting." Beyond that, he also performed in the Arena Dinner Theater's production of And the World Goes 'Round, a review of Kander and Ebb. Dawson loves the Arena Dinner Theater. He attends many plays there to be can enjoy what he describes as the "fun, intimate atmosphere." He also plans on getting more involved with Arena in the future, along with continuing his work with the IFW theater department. He has an audition in January for Noises Off, the last production of the spring 2010 season, which is included in his list of dream roles, some of which are Tony in West Side Story, Raoul in the phantom of the Opera, Claude in Hair, and Billy Flynn in Chicago, to name a few. After months on stages, he plans on possibly pursuing some of these roles. He would like to work with a touring company or anything that might come his way. Dawson is also very excited to see the IFW theater department growing so much.

"Five of the leads in Eurydice are freshmen," he said. He is also excited to see the productions and performances grow in upcoming semesters, "performer" wise, this semester, "sold out almost every show," he said. Despite the theater's growth in the department, Dawson encourages everyone to get involved and try some aspect of theater. He mentions that anyone getting involved must not take rejection too harshly, because it does happen.

"Be optimistic that is what I do," Dawson advises.

Photo by Jacob Dyer

Metropolitan small town fe

By Rachel Kroemer

What might be the most well-known and prestigious opera houses in the country may soon be home to singers from one of the best music schools in the country.

Saturday marks the beginning of the annual Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions. Jacobs School of Music will host to the Indiana District auditions at 1 p.m. at the Musical Arts Center. On Jan. 16, the Tri-State regional auditions, including "The Anthony" and Orpheus, will be at Butler University's Clowes Memorial Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

Mary Levy, Indiana district director for the auditions, said there are currently 23 applicants registered for the District auditions and all of them have backgrounds in opera performance.

"The surprise is to discover exceptional young talent," she said.

Levy and the audition series are

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ROBIN'S REVIEWS

Owen Pallett: Heartland
Music that practically creates its own genre

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The Bouncing Souls: Ghosts on the Boardwalk
A milestone in their career

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Album: *Ghosts on the Boardwalk*
Label: Chunksaah
Release Date: January 12, 2010
Sounds Like: Less aggressive punk rock paired with lighthearted vocals
Rating: 4.5/5

The Bouncing Souls know how to entertain a crowd and this album still holds every indication of that. As far as punk rock goes, the Souls [illegible] the most positive [illegible]

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Metropolitan Opera meets small town for auditions

By Rachel [illegible]

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Noises Off - Audition

by Michael Frayn
Directed by John O'Connell
Williams Theatre

Performance Dates:
April 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1 at 8:00 p.m.
April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

The IPFW Department of Theatre will be holding auditions for *Noises Off* by Michael Frayn on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in Williams Theatre. *Noises Off*, the classic comedy within a comedy, has been called the funniest farce ever written.

Cast - The director is looking for five (5) men and four (4) women ages 18—60.

Auditions: Actors are asked to prepare a 1-2 minute monologue from a contemporary farce, preferably an English farce using a British dialect.

Rehearsals: Begin Monday, March 2, 2010. Mon-Fri., 7—10:00 pm and possibly Sunday afternoons or evenings. There will be no rehearsal during IPFW's spring break from March 8—13.

Conflicts: All conflicts need to be listed at the audition.

Scripts: Be advised - DON'T audition if you have not read the play!!! You will be asked about it on the audition form. Perusal copies of the script are available for 24 hour loan through the Department of Theatre office with a $5 deposit. Call the office at 260-481-6551.

For Auditions
Please prepare a 1-2 minute monologue from a contemporary farce. Preferably an English farce. Please use a British dialect. The director will be looking for GOOD dialects, but will teach the process at the beginning of rehearsal.

Playwrights who have written appropriate monologues

British:	American:
Michael Frayn	Ray Cooney, Jr.
Alan Ayckbourn	Neil Simon
Joe Orton	Ken Ludwig
Allen Bennet	

What did you say?

7 Types of Facebook Status Updates

By Craig Lloyd
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I have been on Facebook for several years now and I have probably seen every possible type of status update known to man. Some of them are informative, helpful, and sometimes just plain entertaining, but then there are those more-than-common updates that are just plain annoying. These are some of them.

Constant Complaining – We probably all know someone that whines about their life in every status update. Some of it is for stupid reasons. You might have felt sympathetic for the first few updates, but any after that you have probably stopped caring.

"omg this week has been plain awful. first I slipped on the ice and today my hair just does not look good at all!!!"

Romantic Updates – It is nice that you're googly gaga over someone of the opposite sex, but a simple "so-and-so is in a relationship" update is sufficient.

"My boyfriend is the best boyfriends of all boyfriends!"

Repeat Letters – These are updates where users emphasize a specific word by repeating the last letter of that word a gazillion times.

"Larry Fitzgerald is soooo fastttt" (by the way, not really

One-worders – We have all seen those random one-word status updates that take up precious space in our status feed.

"gah."

Not Enough Info – The updates that simply have you wanting to know more. The user leaves out all the important details by just including the absolute least amount of info as possible.

"I don't know why it has to be this way...."

Bragging – These are updates that users post merely to just brag, but make it seem like it is just a casual status update.

"Just got back from the gym. Finally lifted 320. On my way home now to carb up."

Applications – This really is not a type of status update, but it's one that gets on a lot of nerves. Users that constantly send you invites to dumb games and applications. No, I do not want to join your stupid quest on Mafia Wars.

Christmas Break Tech Review

Rumors and Releases of the Newest off the line Gadgets

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During the three weeks we had off from school, the world of technology was still stirring up some awesome things including the Consumer Electronics Show, which took place this past weekend and is the biggest event in the world for technology. But besides that, there were many other rumors and happenings that caught my eye.

LG announced the world's thinnest TV panel, which measures in at just 0.1 inches thin and weighs in at a mere 8.8 pounds. This is a 42-inch, full 1080p HDTV that is LED backlit. It is only a prototype so far and no details have yet to be given about price or availability.

Back in May, the Wall Street Journal reported that Microsoft lost a $200 million court case to a software firm known as i4i Ltd. They say that Microsoft knowingly infringed one of their patents on both Vista and Word by "manipulating a document's content and architecture separately." This has to do with Word's handling of several different filetypes and how it infringed upon i4i's patented XML handling algorithms. Obviously, Microsoft fought back and appealled. The court demanded that Word be taken off of the market and be forbidden to sell, but that was put on hold until the results of the appeal were final. The results came in a couple weeks ago and Microsoft still lost. They are now forbidden to sell Office and Word 2007 starting January 11, but they are working quickly to release versions that do not have the patent-infringing features. They also said that the Office 2010 beta and existing Office users should be fine as this ruling only affects future sales.

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Unsurprisingly, they are considering another appeal.

Over the holiday, there was yet another big win for the opposing forces of P2P/Bittorrent file sharing. The owner of IsoHunt (popular torrent tracker), Gary Fung, seems to be facing some huge charges after he lost a lawsuit brought by all kinds of movie studios. The strange thing is, Fung never rebutted the arguments against him. He simply said that IsoHunt was just another search engine, but that was quickly thrown out when the judge found that IsoHunt specifically catered to copyright material and that Fung himself mentioned that he sees nothing wrong with copyright infringement. Fung has the chance to appeal the ruling, but it has not been said whether he will or not.

The "Apple tablet" was one of the biggest rumors of 2009, with many sources saying it will be a 10-inch touchscreen tablet. Another thing that many have pondered is the name of this little device. Apple has apparently owned the islate.com domain name since 2007. MacRumors.com is saying that the iSlate is a very possible name for this Apple tablet. A search of this domain name will not show it with Apple as the owner, but *MacRumors* said they have a historic record of when it did read Apple as the owner back in 2007.

Google's new smartphone was also a hot rumor going around these past couple of months. The company announced the phone last week at an exclusive press conference. The Nexus One, as it is called, sports a 3.7-inch touchscreen display, a 5 megapixel camera and comes with Android, Google's mobile operating system. Many fans have been calling the Nexus One an "iPhone killer," but according to a review by Engadget.com, it is far from that.

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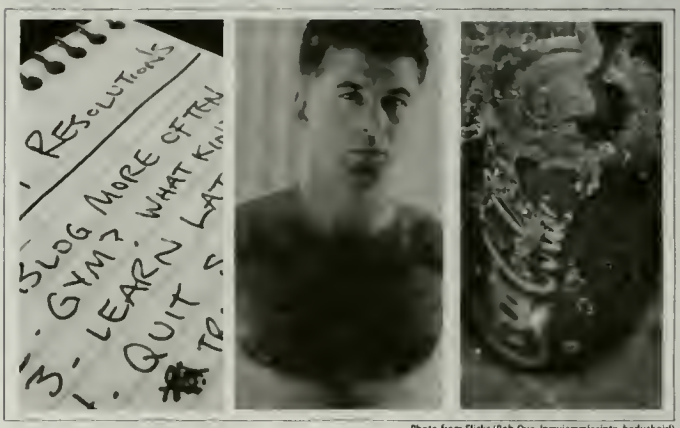
2010 New Year's Resolutions



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New Year's: Wacky new year's resolutions that IPFW students said they would do.

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This is the time of year is when gancery stores begin to place diet products in easy-to-find areas, people start exercising their holiday weight off and small amounts of money begin to accumulate in savings accounts for once in a lifetime vacations.

This is the start of a brand new year, when people accidentally scribble the wrong numbers onto the corners of letters, checks and job applications.

Sometime between the last holiday get-togethers and watching Dick Clark announce the ball dropping in New York, something clicks. People start to ask themselves what they did wrong in the previous year. With a list of problems floating in their head, of course, solutions are sure to follow. Resolutions, to be exact - they begin to write out a fresh list of resolutions.

Among many of these lists are promises to diet, save money, be better p eople, do better at their workplace, find time for the gym and spend more time with family.

Of course, there are also the people that get much more creative with their resolutions lists.

Zachary Oncheck, an IPFW student, said "not shaving body hair for the entire year," was going onto the top of his resolutions list. That is a resolution that many of Oncheck's friends really hope for him to break, as they fondly refer to him as Sasquatch.

Another IPFW student, Christy Hadley, said that her only resolution this year was to become less ditsy. Though she does not have a plan yet as to how she will accomplish that task, Hadley is optimistic and sure that she will achieve her goal.

Whether or not anyone actually fulfills the promises that they make on paper, resolutions are mainly just a way for people to strive to change. Good or bad, humorous, serious, heart-felt or for no apparent reason, it is a tradition to want to start a new year off with a change of pace.

In fact, many people end up breaking their New Year's resolutions lists by Jan. 2. The point, though, is that they at least attempt to make a change in their lives. One IPFW student, Lindsey Stowe, said she had "quit drinking pop," on her resolutions list. However, Stowe's resolution was broken shortly after New Year's. For at least a little while, Stowe was striving for self-improvement.

"I resolute not to resolute," said IPFW student Ian Luthe while joking that he actually made the resolution to not make one. Luthe said he absolutely hates New Year's resolutions, though, adding "everynne I know who has made one never kept it."

Likewise, many people do not make resolutions list at all, but rather pick and choose what is important to them at any given time to change for self-improvement. While those people may also nickel and dime their way to a dream vacation, try out an infomercial diet or head out to the gym at 5 a.m. every day, they also do not want to feel as if they have failed because they did not keep up with every challenge from Jan. 1. To Dec. 31.

Succeed, fail or do not participate, one thing is for sure - this is a new year and with a new year comes a clean slate.

Health Advantage 101:
Stress Management

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Most stress derives from the typical troubles that tend to disrupt an individuals focus on the essential aspects of life. As the New Year sets in students and faculty across the campus prepare themselves for the challenges they are about to face whether it is of educational or social background.

The various tasks that seem to be the main stressors for college students are the constant rescheduling of classes, minimal parking spaces and the amount of homework to be balanced throughout the semester.

Elizabeth Scott, M.S., writer of an article called, "How to Reduce Student Stress and Excel in School", gives examples on how to counter act the disease and focus on the most important points of a day-day student schedule.

In her review she states that time management, organization, study environment, sleeping schedule and study habits could all be results of major stress. Scott also informs the student readers of the steps in which to take to reduce the amount of stress an individual may have.

When talking to IPFW students, most agreed that time management was an overall issue. Jill Edmonds, a former athlete for the women's Cross-country team replied, "It's a hard thing to do when you're an athlete since there are so many things to do outside the classroom. I would definitely say a daily planner is useful."

Common symptoms of stress according to www.webmd.com are generally associated with a "fight or flight" feeling, giving the body bursts of energy unable to handle. Other symptoms include headaches, back pain, weakened immune system and prolonged mood swings. Of course checking with your doctor is recommended for a correct diagnosis.

Becoming aware of your weaknesses is a positive first step in starting the reduction process. Try talking to friends or even an IPFW campus counselor located in Walb Studeot Union rooro 210. The first six sessions are included in the tuition and there is always someone available to help in a time of crisis.

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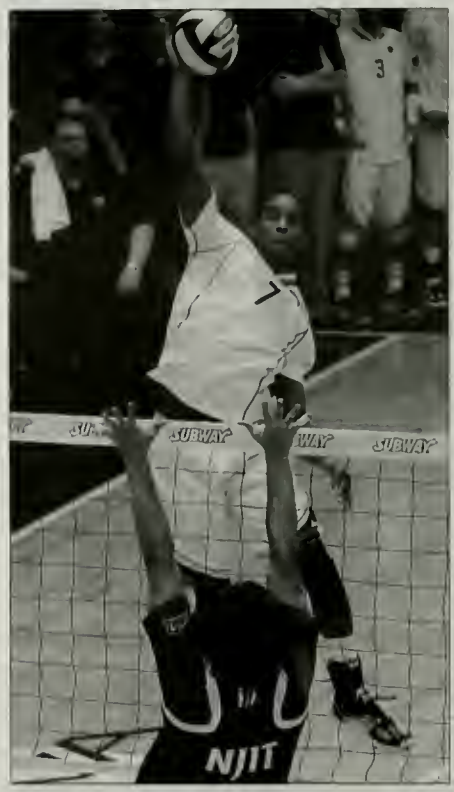

Undefeated

Men's volleyball starts season with two wins

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This weekend sealed the deal as the IPFW Mastodons opened their season with an undefeated record. The men's volleyball squad, like last year started off with an 0-2 record on their long, 26 game schedule.

Starting their season last Friday, IPFW hosted the NJIT Highlanders for game one of two. The night ended quick as the Mastodons were able to finish off the match in three games. (30-24, 30-25, 30-24.)

There was no looking back as "The Freshman," Elon Fyfield dominated the net with 18 kills and contributed a hang full of digs.

Junior teammate, Shaun Dryden led in the dig category with five.

"I really love playing for IPFW, the older guys have made me feel really comfortable and are teaching me new things everyday," said The Freshman.

Other leaders included junior Shaun Dryden in the dig category with five, Dan Mader in sets (55) and assists (22) and Oli Kook in the blocking column.

Game two was just about dashavoo. The Mastodons once again came out like a lit fuse as this night too ended in three matches, (30-23, 30-16, 30-27.)

Sophomore Ivan Matos took the kill's column as his own, leading the team with 14 monster slams for the evening, but was closely followed by the senior member, Oli Kook with nine.

"Starting the season with two wins at home is very important to us. After a week of six hours of practice a day, the matches were definitely not as energetic as they should be, but we know now what to work on in order to compete this season. Our eyes are on Ohio State now. We will have to play to the limit to beat them. It is going to take everything we have. I am looking forward to bringing our performance on the court to the next level," said Kook.

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The Volleydons return to action this Friday taking on the Ohio State Buckeyes in Columbus. Starting time is at 7 p.m.

Season Leaders:

Having a hallanced team of three seniors, four juniors, seven sophomores, and three freshman, the statistics are fairly even. Leading the season in digs is Dryden. Kills are clearly dominated by Fyfield, Mader fills two leading sports in aces and assists, and blocking is topped off by Samp. Stay updated with your leading IPFW stats at www.gomastodons.com.

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Men's Volleyball: Freshman Elon Fyfield, playing in his first NCAA game, had 18 kills in his first match and 24 total over the weekend.

IPFW Basketball teams pick it up

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Well it was a long holiday break, and while you, the students, were away, both the men's and women's basketball teams were hard at work on the hardwood. The men's team played a total of seven games over the three week span, and managed three victories over Western Illinois, Valparaiso, and a 101-55 thrashing of Purdue-North Central. This win tallied the largest margin of victory this season. The IPFW men's latest game, was played Jan. 9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It ended at a 68-55 loss at the hands of Oral Roberts.

The men's record now stands at 6-9 over all, and 1-3 in the Summit League. The 'Dons return to the court Thursday, January 14, for a 7:00 tip-off against conference foe Southern Utah in the Hilliard Gates Sports Center.

The Women's team, on the other hand, tallied six bouts over the holiday break, and managed to pick up four wins along the way. Aside from a one point heart-breaker against Fairfield, their only other loss came to the hands of national power house University of Louisville.

The Women's last victory came on the road on January 9, the first of a Men's and Women's double header at Oral Roberts. The very impressive 74-72 victory was capped off when Chelsey Jackson nailed a fifteen foot jumper just before the horn sounded.

The win knocked the women's record up to 6-8 on the season, and a 4-0 in the Summit League, landing them in the first place position. The IPFW women's basketball team returns to action on Saturday, January 16, to play the first portion of a Men's/Women's double header against the University of Kansas-Missouri City at 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum.

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Basketball: Junior, Ben Botts, up for a shot in the game against Valpo.

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9 Mavs- Showing they're for real	Lakers at Mavericks	Lakers- Just a better team 9
8 Chargers- Rivers over Sanchez	Jets at Chargers	Chargers- A blowout for SD 8
7 GT- Continues roll in ACC play	Georgia Tech at UNC	NC- Heels built on speed 7
6 UConn- The streak continues	UConn at Duke	Duke- Upset of the year 6
5 Colts- Get back on track	Ravens at Colts	Colts- At home and MVP 5
4 Cardinals- Saints slumping	Cardinals at Saints	Saints- D stalls Cards offense 4
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60 Second Sports Report

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In college football Cincinnati head coach Brian Kelley left Cincinnati to coach Notre Dame. Mike Leach was fired by Texas Tech after allegedly putting a player in a closet to deal with a concussion. Former Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville will take over at Texas Tech. Alabama running back Mark Ingram won the Heisman trophy. Florida coach Urban Meyer announced that he will be taking some time off for health reasons. Coach Pete Carroll left USC to move on to the NFL. In the BCS championship game Alabama won over Texas 37-21 after Alabama knocked out Texas' quarterback Colt McCoy on their first drive, McCoy suffered an arm nerve injury.

In the NFL there was plenty of drama. The Saints and Colts lost their perfect season in week 15. The playoffs started this past weekend with the Jets beating the Bengals 24-14, the Cowboys beating the Eagles 34-14, the Ravens beating the Patriots 33-14 and the Cardinals beating the Packers 51-45 in overtime. The second round of the playoffs this weekend will see the Ravens at the Colts, the Cardinals at the Saints, the Jets at the Chargers and the Cowboys at the Vikings. In coaching news the Redskins fired coach Jim Zorn and hired the Broncos former head coach Mike Shanahan, the Browns hired former Seahawk and Packer coach Mike Holmgren to be the team president, the Bears fired six offensive coaches, the Seahawks fired coach Jim Mora and hired former USC head coach Pete Carroll, the Chiefs hired former Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis as offensive coordinator

In College basketball Kansas was upset by Tennessee and Purdue lost to Wisconsin. Also last week Duke was upset by Georgia Tech, Georgetown beat UConn, Notre Dame upset West Virginia and Missouri upset Kansas State.

In the NBA Gilbert Arenas has been suspended indefinitely after pulling a gun on teammate Javaris Crittenton in the locker-room during a dispute.

In the MLB the major signings were: Matt Holliday to the Cardinals for seven years, Jason Bay to the Mets for four years, John Lackey to the Red Sox for five years, Vladimir Guerrero to the Rangers for one year, Aroldis Chapman to the Reds for six years. There have been a few major trades with the Yankees trading Melky Cabrera to the Braves for Javier Vasquez, the Cubs traded Milton Bradley to the Mariners for Carlos Silva, and the Blue Jays traded Roy Halladay to the Phillies as the Phillies sent Cliff Lee to the Mariners. Pitcher Randy Johnson retired. Greg Maddux has returned to the Cubs to be the assistant general manager. Mark McGwire finally admitted to using steroids for nearly a decade to avoid injury and heal quicker but not to hit home runs.

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